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New England Sounding Line

From The Associate Director's Desk
by John Stey, Associate Director

Thanks to all who stopped by the NN/LM™NER booth at the NAHSL meeting. We found the meeting to be productive and were delighted with the accommodations and facilities.

We seized the opportunity to meet with the Resource Library Directors on Sunday and minutes of the meeting will be posted on the NN/LM NER homepage. The RL Directors believed that free access to MEDLINE® via IGM® and PubMed® was going to impact more significantly on smaller hospital libraries and that NN/LM NER staff should concentrate on assisting PALs with training and support. Don't hesitate to call the network office at 1-800-338-7657 if you, your staff or health providers in your area would like training or demonstrations of free access to MEDLINE.

The NLM Internet Survey results for New England are summarized by Ed Donnald on page 2. In the next newsletter, we will break out the data for each state and compare New England with other regions. NER staff will be attending a meeting in December at NLM to discuss the results of the survey and how to get smaller libraries connected to the Internet.

The NLM Technical Bulletin will no longer be published on paper beginning with the January-February 1998 issue. It will be available at the NLM WWW site for downloading and selected material will be adapted and published in the *New England Sounding Line*. Additional technical information on NLM databases can be found on the NLMFILES listserv. The NLMFILES mailing list distributes weekly announcements of new/updated files available on the NLM Web Site (http://www.nlm.nih.gov) and from the NLM Anonymous FTP server (ftp://ftp.nlm.nih.gov). To subscribe send a message to **lists@mailserv.nlm.nih.gov** and in the body of the message type **subscribe nlmfiles**. More information will be forthcoming on the NNLM-NER listserv.

For EFTS members not using QuickDOC® , we are developing an easy to use software program that will enable libraries that charge to create a transaction file that can be sent to the EFTS server. It will be sent to all EFTS participants along with your next monthly statement. The 5% service charge for libraries sending transaction data will be lowered to 3% beginning with the October-December quarter. We are also working on several other enhancements to EFTS. We appreciate your sending any and all feedback on EFTS to stey@nso.uchc.edu or donnald@nso.uchc.edu or calling the network office at 1-800-338-7657.

Tune up those skis and have a happy Thanksgiving.

Connecticut	Maine	Massachusetts	New Hampshire	Rhode Island	Vermont

Check us out on the World Wide Web at http://www.nnlm.nlm.nih.gov/ner/

INTERNET Survey

Last summer the National Library of Medicine conducted it's Internet Connection Survey. The results are in and we'd like to to show you how the New England Region responded.

Two hundred and eighty of you responded indicating whether or not you were connected to the Internet. Of those, 247 or 88% are connected in some way while 33 or 12% were not.

Looking at the capabilities of the 247 indicated that 89% had e-mail, 72% had telnet, 68% had ftp and 96% had World Wide Web access.

For those 33 respondents who were not connected to the Internet, further responses revealed that 18 or 55% of them did have plans to get connected within the next year. Another 12 or 36% said that either they had no plans or did not know if they were going to get connected.

As we are all aware, the Internet is continually becoming more important to the way we get information and do our jobs. If you responded to the survey that you weren't connected to the Internet and some of your primary reasons were the cost of the equipment or available training, please contact the NN/LM NER office. We may be able to assist you in getting past those barriers and getting online.

Are you connected to the Internet?
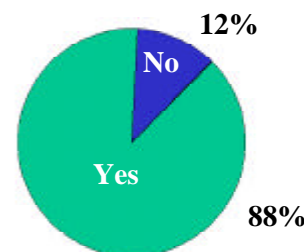
What capabilities do you have?
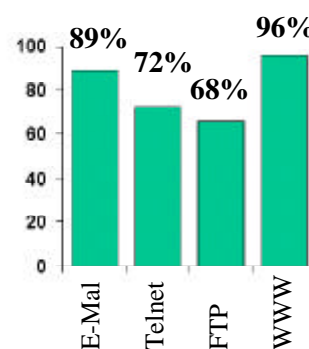
AIM Will Cease After December 1997 Issue

The NLM's monthly publication, *Abridged Index Medicus* (AIM) will cease following the Volume 28, Number 12, (December 1997) issue.

The *Abridged Index Medicus* was initiated in 1970 to "afford rapid access to selected biomedical journal literature of immediate interest to the practicing physician" when on-line services were not readily available. A subset of citations from 119 English language clinical journals indexed for *Index Medicus*® was selected for AIM. The publication was of value to the community over the years; at one point, over two thousand libraries, clinics, colleges, and individuals subscribed to the monthly issues and the annual cumulations. During the past 20 years, however, an increasing number of subscribers have been accessing the data from electronic resources, and subscriptions to the printed product have declined.

> You will still be able to search online with the AIM subset.

So... What'd ya think?

By now you should have received the DOCLINE Tutorial CD-ROM, Regional Directory and Document Delivery Manual. We really appreciate all of the corrections that have been brought to our attention and all of the feedback. If you have any thoughts on how to improve these or just thought they were useful, we'd like to hear from you.
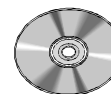
FTP from the Comfort of Your Browser
by Vince Boisselle, Technology Coordinator

Did you know that Netscape Navigator could be used as a simple FTP client?   It is not as robust as a full featured client like Ws_FTP or Fetch, but for simple and quick jobs, such as uploading your EFTS data file, it will perform remarkably well.
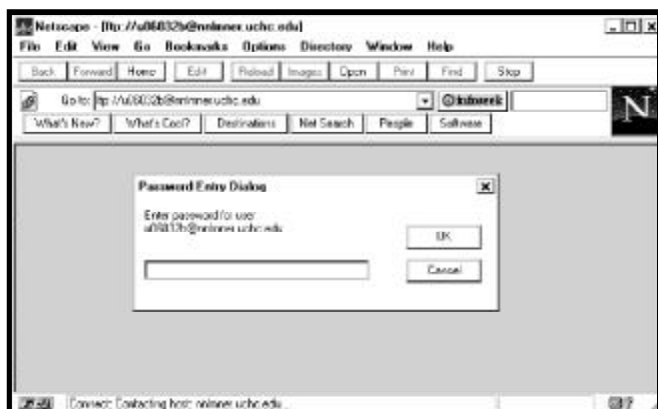
To log into an anonymous account on an ftp server, use an ftp URL like this:

ftp://ftp.whatever.com

To log into a specific user account on the ftp server, you can include your username (and, optionally, your password) in the URL. The syntax is:

ftp://username@ftp.whatever.com
ftp://username:password@ftp.whatever.com

If you don't include your password, Navigator will prompt you for it. Beware, by including your password in the URL it will be saved on your machine in the history cache of the browser and will be readable by others who may use your machine later.

Drag-and-drop is supported in most versions of Netscape Navigator. Otherwise, select "Upload File" from the File menu when you have the correct ftp page loaded to show the directory where you want to upload a file to; and choose the file from your local PC that you would like uploaded to the remote site.

There are no facilities for executing remote commands or for deleting and modifying files on the server. Navigator does however allow you to immediately view the files that you have uploaded.

Click on the file name to view it.
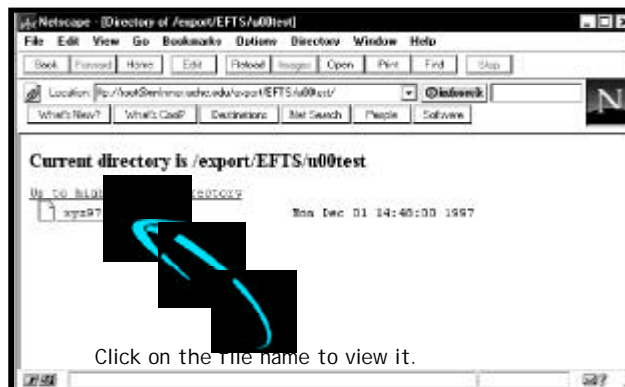
After you've used Navigator to upload your EFTS transaction file simply 'point and click' on the uploaded file name to review it for any possible errors.

Microsoft's Internet Explorer has less functionality than Netscape's Navigator does as an FTP client. Internet Explorer requires that your username and password be included in the URL:

ftp://username:password@ftp.whatever.com

Additionally, the Internet Explorer can only be used to view and download files, it does not support file uploads.

AIM

Online searchers, please note that you will still be able to search using A (SB) to limit your retrieval to the journals i n the AIM subset. Even though the printed AIM is being discontinued, the AIM subset list will continue to exist online in ELHILL.® PubMed, a non-ELHILL search system, does not currently contain a Subset (SB) field or its equivalent; however, this enhancement will be added to PubMed in the future.

Since there are many demands on Federal dollars, the National Library of Medicine must make some difficult choices concerning the support of existing products versus the improvement and development of new products. NLM Associate Director for Library Operations, Lois Ann Colaianni, realizes that some find the AIM particularly useful; and she will be happy to explore alternatives for this information with such individuals. She may be contacted via email, loisann@nlm.nih.gov.

QuickDOC, Kermit95 and the Internet
by Ed Donnald, Network Coordinator
Jay Daly, QuickDOC inventor

You're searching Internet Grateful Med and surfing the World Wide Web, but you're still running QuickDOC with a modem dial-up to FTS2000. If this sounds like you and you've been meaning to try accessing DOCLINE® over the Internet but haven't had the time to "figure it out", let me help. This will be for people who've upgraded to Windows95. Let's make a list.

- ✓ QuickDOC (at least version 2.29g)
- ✓ Access to the Internet
- ✓ Kermit95 - available from Columbia University-$54
  http://www.columbia.edu/kermit/

After you have installed Kermit95 on your computer into the C:\K95 directory, use the Windows Explorer to find the file K95.EXE. Drag it to the desktop to make a shortcut. Then select the newly created shortcut icon and right mouse click and choose Properties. For the Shortcut tab, make the following changes.

Now, to run QuickDOC over the Internet. Like the other Windows-based access methods, the K95 method uses the three-step process for conducting business:

1. Do local work in QD; then press <G>o to DOCLINE, etc.
  1a. If you don't have direct TCP/IP access (i.e., you must dial into your Internet Service Provider), click on your Dialup Networking Icon to make the SLIP/PPP connection.
2. Click on the K95 icon to run the session.
  2a. Click on <Disconnect> from your ISP, if you used step 1a, above.
3. Click on the QuickDOC icon to process the session.

QuickDOC will run the scripts to activate Kermit95, open the K95 window, interact with DOCLINE, and then switch back to the QuickDOC window. Voila! You're now in compliance with the NLM request to make the transition to the Internet. It really is a simple and easy process to make the transition. If you have any questions or need some assistance, please don't hesitate to call. 1-800-338-7657.

TOXLIT® /CHEMLINE®

As part of NLM's efforts to simplify access to online information and reduce expenses to users, the CHEMLINE and TOXLIT/TOXLIT65 files will no longer be available at NLM after January 1, 1998. With the advent of free World Wide Web access to MEDLINE and other NLM files through PubMed and IGM, and upcoming changes in accessing the Toxicology and Environmental Information Health Program files as well, it will no longer be practical to support royalty files as part of MEDLARS® . Since they were first established in the early days of the Toxicology Information Program (now TEHIP, the Toxicology and Environmental Health Information Program), both the CHEMLINE and the TOXLIT files have provided a very useful resource to MEDLARS users. These files continue to offer excellent data, however in recent years, their usage has decreased considerably at NLM, and the data they carry is now readily available to users on other online systems.

As we make this transition in the resources and services offered to our users, TEHIP will concentrate on enhancements such as the restructuring of existing files, and improvements in interfaces for accessing and navigating the various components of toxicology information resources. The ChemID® chemical dictionary file and the TOXLINE/TOXLINE65 citation files will still provide coverage of the toxicology and environmental health literature and data without royalties. ChemID already includes all the substances in CHEMLINE except those only cited in TOXLIT/ TOXLIT65. TOXLINE already covers many of the citations available in TOXLIT, and efforts will be undertaken to explore options for expanding other resources to include additional citations. Look for news on the TEHIP website at **http://sis.nlm.nih.gov** for new developments concerning the NLM's toxicology information resources.

Ms. Jan Williams of Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS), the producer of CHEMLINE and TOXLIT data, may be reached at 1-800-848-6538 ext. 3868 or jan.williams@cas.org for information about alternative sources of the data.

Grant & Funding Resources on the Web

by Lisa Boyd, Outreach Coordinator, SEA Region
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FOUNDATION CENTER
http://www.fdncenter.org
The Foundation Center is a non-profit grant information clearinghouse which collects and disseminates information on foundations, corporate giving and other funding sources.

GRANTSNET
http://www.os.dhhs.gov/progorg/grantsnet/index.html
Locator information on the Department of Health and Human Services and other Federal grant programs. GrantsNet offers and electronic mailing list as a current awareness service.

GRANTSWEB
http://web.fie.com/cws/sra/resource.htm
Funding and grant locator information, sponsored by the Society of Research Administrators (SRA), offers links to other Internet sites. The links lead to Federal agencies including, US, Australian and Canadian, federal policy information, OMB Circulars, grant forms and reference information such as proposal writing tips, regulatory and policy aids and journal literature.

MEDWEB
http://www.gen.emory.edu/medweb/medweb.grants.html
Emory University's extensive guide to grant and funding resources includes catalogs, guides, electronic documents and publications, forms and Internet sites.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH GRANTS AND CONTRACTS
http://www.nih.gov/grants/
Locator for NIH grants, fellowships and contracts.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE GRANTS AND ACQUISITIONS
http://www.nlm.nih.gov/ep/extramural.html
NLM, through its Extramural Programs office, provides grants and funding awards for biomedical research and development. Contract solicitations are available electronically. Information may also be found on the NLM homepage (http://www.nlm.nih.gov).

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRANTS AND PROGRAM AREAS
http://www.nsf.gov/home/grants.htm
NSF grants and funding program includes manuals, reference guides and grant proposal guides, policy manuals and forms.

RSNA DATABASE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
http://www.rsna.org/research/ORD/search.html
The Radiological Society of North America awards research and development grants for a variety of scientific activities such as computer technology, informatics, workstations, etc.

RURAL INFORMATION CENTER HEALTH SERVICE-RICHS
http://www.nal.usda.gov/ric/richs
RICHS is a joint project between the Office of Rural Health Policy, DHHS and the National Agricultural Library (NAL), USDA. Administratively part of NAL, the Center's homepage offers information on funding opportunities as well as publications, research centers and Spanish language resources.

Note: These are but a few of the many funding opportunity resources available on the Internet. Please be aware that the URLs for sites change over time. Updated by Lisa M. Boyd, 2/97.

EFTS MEMBERS JOINING

This is a listing of the organizations establishing EFTS accounts from August 28, 1997 to November 3, 1997. For questions, more information or to set up an account contact the office at 860-679-4500.

These organizations have been added to EFTS.

LIBID	SERHOLD CODE#	ORGANIZATION	DATE JOINED
10019C	ROO	Roosevelt Hospital M.C.	10/28/97
06817A	UCC	Union Carbide Corp.	10/28/97
12901A	CVP	Champlain Valley Physicians	10/1/97
01453A	LEO	Health Alliance Hospitals	9/16/97
10467A	MBN	Montefiore Medical Center	9/3/97

EFTS MEMBERS LEAVING

These organizations have been removed from EFTS.

LIBID	SERHOLD CODE#	ORGANIZATION	DATE LEFT
13905B	ZGJ	Our Landy of Lourdes	11/1/97

There is a complete listing of EFTS participants on the NN/LM NER homepage, now updated twice a week:
http://www.nnlm.nlm.nih.gov/ner/

Librarians Honored

October was National Medical Librarians Month. Four librarians from New England were selected to represent the region. The NLM put together a web page honoring them and their achievments. Take a look at **http://www.nlm.nih.gov/lo/profiles/** to see them as well as others from around the country. Congratulations to Jay Daly, Suellen Jagels, Tovah Reis and Evelyn Breck Morgan
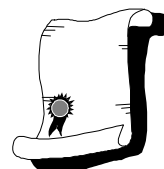
Considering a Projector?
by Jill Livingston, Education Coordinator

If you are considering retiring your LCD panal and overhead projector for one of the new data projectors that are being used to display presentations in a brighter and easier to use fashion, then perhaps a comparison of a few models and their features will help. This is presented strictly for comparison as the NER office doesn't endorse any particular model.

	AdTech			HB Communications		Crimson Tech
	Lightware VP100	Epson 5000	Sanyo 5500N	Phillips ProScreen 4600	3M MP8630	NEC
Lumens	270	450	500	450	500	370
Contrast	100/1	300/1	100/1			200/1
Projection	True VGA/ SVGA	True VGA/ SVGA	True VGA Compressed SGA	True VGA/ SVGA Lamesco XGA	True VGA/ SVGA Compressed XGA	True VGA/ SVGA Compressed XGA
Ports		1 each: data in, data out, video, svideo		2 mouse, 2 data, video, svideo, external speakers	2 video, 1 svideo, 2 data in, 1 data out	1 each: data in, data out, video, svideo
Bulb: Type Life Cost	halogen 50-60 hrs $25 each	metal halide 2000 hrs $350	metal halide	Philips bulb 6000 $350	metal halide 700 $280	metal halide 2000 $309
Features	power zoom and focus, freeze, zoom to part of screen, pointer	manual zoom, freeze, remote control of mouse	power zoom and focus, freeze, poor remote control of mouse	power zoom and focus, audio kill, screen blank, lamp life counter, trackball mouse, remote control of mouse	power zoom and focus, audio kill, screen blank, lamp life counter, remote control of mouse	power zoom and focus, screen blank, lamp life counter, remote control of mouse
Keystone Correction	20 degrees manual	8 degrees built-in	6 degrees built-in	10 degrees built-in	10 degrees built-in	
Weight	9.25 lbs	14.1 lbs	16.5 lbs	17 lbs	17 lbs	15 lbs
RC features duplicated on projector	No			Yes	Yes	No
Infrared Detectors		front/back		360 degrees	front/back	front and on extended attachment
Casing	small case included	not included		$90-$150	$90-$150	$290 for hard case w/wheels
Clarity	poor	very good	very good	very good	better than Philips	good
Warrenty	2 years	2 years	2 years	2 years	1 year	3 years
List $ Sale $	$6495 $4100	$8999 $6200	$8499 $5200	low $6000s	low $6000s	$4995

Does Your DOCLINE Routing Table Need A Winterized Tune-up?
by Ed Donnald, Network Coordinator

With the approach of winter, it may be a good time to think about the last time you changed your DOCLINE routing table. In the "We know you don't have time so we'll make time" category, I was recently invited to a HSLIC meeting in Lewiston, ME. I gave a brief presentation on making changes to the table and offered suggestions on how to construct it. I'd been provided a list of attendees and so brought along and distributed a copy of everyone's routing table so they could look at their own as I talked. As a result I sent out more than a dozen tables to be revised. If you have an upcoming meeting and would like me to do the same, please let me know. However, you don't have to necessarily wait until then. Pick up the phone and say "Send me my table". I'll send it to you on a disk so you can use a word processor to cut and paste. You won't have to use a typewriter and fill out all of those boxes. Yea!

So, what else has come up in my travels?

Q: *Can I prefix and do a Start-Stop on my request?*

A: Yes. The request will first go to the libid you indicated in the PREFIX field. If that library doesn't fill it, then the request will come back and route on your table and only look at the cells you indicated in the Start-Stop.

Q: *Can I prefix on the M/A/N table?*

A: Yes. When the request is entered as a Non-SERLINE request, the prompt is actually OVERRIDE. At that prompt you may enter the libid you want. You may enter the one is Cell C, to skip Cells A and B or you may enter the libid of any other institution. The request will go there first, and if it's not filled, then come back and route on your M/A/N table starting at Cell A.

Q: *How can I stop a M/A/N request from going to NLM?*

A: A Start-Stop for the M/A/N table is in the works, but for now you'll have to monitor the status of the request and cancel it after it's been rejected but before it's been picked up at the next libid. This is a bit tricky if it's gone to NLM since they're picking up their requests electronically every 15 minutes. Stay tuned as things develop.

EFTS & EPS Senarios

In an effort to reduce any confusion between the independent electronic billing systems available, we have devised a grid which should help in determining what course of action should be taken. The possible lending senarios are matched up below with the billing action listed on the chart. You loaned material to another library and wish to be paid for it. Identify yourself in the left hand column and then find the borrowing library's situation along the top row. The intersection of the column and row will indicate the course needed to be paid for your loan.

REGION	8 (EFTS)	8 (EFTS/EPS)	1 (EPS)	1 (EFTS)	1 (EFTS/EPS)
8 (EFTS)	Upload to EFTS	Upload to EFTS	Send Invoice	Upload to EFTS	Upload to EFTS
8 (EFTS/EPS)	Upload to EFTS	Upload to EFTS	EPS will do it	Upload to EFTS	Upload to EFTS
1 (EPS)	Send Invoice	EPS will do it	EPS will do it	Send Invoice	EPS will do it
1 (EFTS)	Upload to EFTS	Upload to EFTS	Send Invoice	Upload to EFTS	Upload to EFTS
1 (EFTS/EPS)	Upload to EFTS	Upload to EFTS	EPS will do it	Upload to EFTS	EPS will do it

Calendar of Events

November 19-23, 1997

NN/LM NER staff will be exhibiting at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Conference.
Boston, MA

December 4-5, 1997

MEDLARS Fundamentals Training
UCHC, Farmington, CT
Register by November 1
Info: 800-338-7657, press "2"
**http://www.nnlm.nlm.nih.gov/
mar/online/request.html**

December 9, 1997

NN/LM NER staff will be attending the CAHSL meeting.
Wallingford, CT

January 9, 1998

ALA Midwinter Conference
New Orleans, LA

January 13, 1998

NN/LM NER staff will be exhibiting at the Yankee Dental Conference
Boston, MA

January 21, 1998

NN/LM NER staff will be attending the AHRISL meeting.
Providence, RI

April 6-7, 1998

Introduction To Web-Based Searching, Boston, MA
Info: 800-338-7657, press "2"
**http://www.nnlm.nlm.nih.gov/
mar/online/request.html**

New England Sounding Line in Print

Don't panic, just yet. As is the trend with many organizational publications, we just wanted to let you know that the NER office will be moving to reduce the number of printed copies of the *New England Sounding Line* that it distributes. With the newsletter offered in both HTML and PDF on our homepage, those formats should be utilized as much as possible by those who have access. In the mean time, start thinking about whether you will really need the printed copy. Early next year, we will be asking if we can drop your name from the mailing list.   So, stay tuned for more details in the next newsletter.

BABY!

Please join the office in welcoming the newest member to the NN/LM team. Sonia Livingston was born to Jill and Ken Livingston on October 8, 1997, weighing in at 7 lb 3 oz and 19 inches. Both Sonia and her parents are doing well. Jill is expecting to return to the office December 8th.